

Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) Update

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- **Approval of Interoperability-related Requests**
- **Communications Unit Leader (COML) Recommendations**
- **700 MHz Spectrum Management Plan**



Interoperability-related Approvals

Approved Request

- Mesa Police Department requested use of six 700 MHz statewide interoperable frequencies for a mobile, independent radio system.
- The system is a free standing six-channel P25 trunked system, housed in a deployable trailer. Funding for the system is provided by a DHS grant.

Planned Result

- The trailer will be deployed to support Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) assets, as well as other regional interoperable needs.
- Mesa Police trained operators will accompany and operate the trailer during deployments. A cache of portable radios will be deployed for quick access to interoperable communications.



Interoperability-related Approvals

Approved Request

- The Coconino County Sheriff's Office requested dual control of AIRS stations located at:
 - Juniper Mountain, southwest of Seligman (Yavapai County)
 - Brookbank Radio site, just east of Forest Lakes (Navajo County)

Planned Result

- Agencies from multiple counties can respond to incidents in the impacted service areas and be able to communicate across three frequency ranges.
- The Flagstaff 911 Center will be able to provide dispatch services as needed for incidents led by the Sheriff's Office.



ICS All Hazards COML Overview

The Communications Unit Leader (COML) is a position under the Logistics Section of the Incident Command System (ICS).

The COML develops plans for effective use of incident communications equipment and facilities, manages the distribution of communications equipment to incident personnel and coordinates the installation and testing of communications equipment.

COMLs are important during all-hazards emergency operations, as they significantly improve communications across multiple radio systems, disciplines, jurisdictions and agencies responding to a wide variety of incident types.



Arizona COML Recognition

Guiding Principles

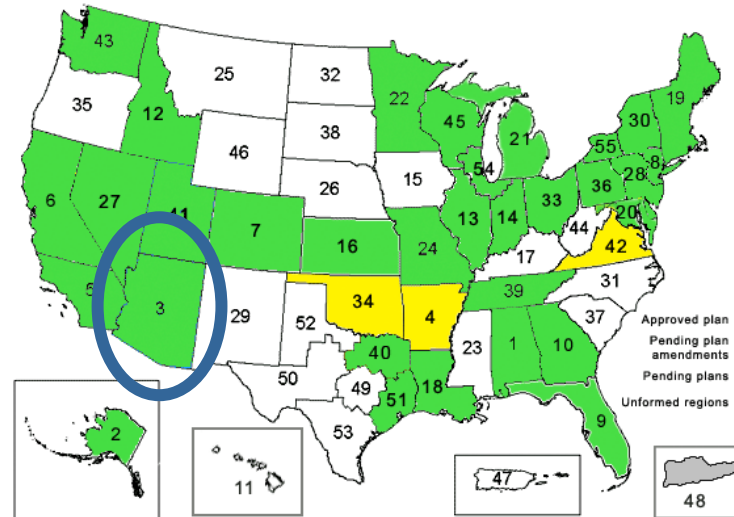
- Because of the vast number of disparate systems in Arizona and in light of liability considerations, the group recommends involving both local and centralized elements for COML recognition.
- Each agency knows its systems and personnel best and is ultimately responsible for its personnel's actions. The agency's certification that the candidate is qualified is key.
- A central review of agency certified candidates will confirm that each candidate has met all requirements, and that Arizona COMLs uniformly meet state and national standards.

Next Steps

- The Workgroup's recommendations have been posted to the web and sent to the interested parties' list for comment. Recommendations will be refined based on feedback received.
- Updated recommendations will be presented to SIEC for approval on May 18th and if approved brought to the PSCC for approval on July 20th.



700 MHz Spectrum Management



- The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) sets national guidelines for the use of communications spectrum
- Region 3 is comprised of the State of Arizona and its political subdivisions
- Part of the 700 MHz public safety narrowband spectrum is available for nationwide interoperable communications



700 MHz Spectrum Management

- Regional Planning Committees (RPCs) develop specific plans tailored to their own regional and communication needs.
- Arizona's RPC is responsible for administrative management of General Use 700 MHz spectrum resources (other than its interoperability channels).
- The SIEC is charged with administering the Region's 700 MHz interoperability channels and is currently evaluating its planned use.
- Updates regarding these efforts will be provided as progress is made.





Next SIEC Meeting

Tuesday May 18th 2010 - 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

ADOA, 100 N 15th Avenue - Conference Room 300 A-C

Some Key Items for Discussion:

- COML Recommendations – Approval Item
- 700 Mhz Management – Progress Report
- View AIRS Training Video
- Review Forestry Proposal re: use of AIRS
- AIRS Current State and Next Steps

Questions?

Discussion

